

**Deduction in Higher Cadre in Postal Department**

7200. SHIRIRAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce higher cadre personnel by atleast ten per cent;

(b) the number of present strength of, Members of the Board, Deputy directors General, Regional Postmasters General and Directors of Postal Services in the Department of Posts;

(c) whether the Government propose to review the necessity of all above posts to consider ten percent reduction in their present strength; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A detailed exercise is in progress, in this regard.

(b) The information regarding number of posts in the following cadres is given against each;

1. Members of the Board	- 3
2. Dy. Directors General	- 16
3. Regional Postmasters General	- 40
4. Directors of Postal services	- 89

(c) Yes, Sir. Except at the level of Members wherein one out of the four posts has been recently abolished with a view to observe economy.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Development of Tourist spots In Rajasthan**

7201. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of places selected by the Indian tourism Development Corporation for development of tourist spots in Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(b) the progress made to develop these spots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). With the objective to develop new tourist destinations in backward, difficult and remote areas, ITDC had organised an adventure package camp comprising tented accommodation at Sam near jaisalmer in Rajasthan during February-March 1992.

[English]

**Phasing out of Air India Aircrafts**

7202. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: SHRI RA. SURENDER REDDY: SHRI MUKUL BALKRI-SHNA WASNIK:

Will the Minister OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union government have cleared the Air India's proposal to lower the age of component;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the extent to which this new strategy

is likely to help the overall corporate plan of the airline;

(d) whether all existing procedures and formalities are likely to be followed before declaring individual aircraft that will be out of operation; and

(e) the steps being taken to provide new aircraft in their place?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. the Government have approved the proposals of Air India to roll-over aircraft after a life of ten years instead of the present practice of phasing out the aircraft after twenty years. A more modern and younger fleet is expected to be low on maintenance, better on aircraft utilisation and 'on time' performance, and have better customer appeal. All transactions would be undertaken in conformity with the laid down procedures. Air India has drawn up a fleet renewal plan and would implement it in accordance with availability of aircraft and resources.

#### Pilots of Indian Air Lines

**7203. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines pilots are not given permission to join other airlines including the Air-India; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) and (b). Keeping in view the operational requirements of Indian Airlines and the lead time taken to train pilots, application of Pilots of Indian Airlines made to airlines other than Ari-Indian are generally not forwarded.

#### Beautification of Steel Cities

**7204. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:**

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up long scheme to beautify the steel cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount proposed to be incurred thereon Steel-city wise; and

(c) the schemes drawn up thereon for 1992-93 financial year?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):** (a) to (c). The integrated steel plants in the public sector viz. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) are undertaking schemes which fulfil the social, cultural and environmental requirements of the inhabitants so as to make their living in the township comfortable and productive. Outline of the programmes under implementation steel plant city-wise, during 1992-93 are given in the enclosed Statement.

#### STATEMENT

##### 1. BHILAI STEEL PLAT:

A sum of Rs. 400 lakhs is proposed to be spent on works which include recarpetting of roads, painting and repainting of road sign boards, widening of forest avenue, improvement of sewerage system, improvement of illumination, de-slitting of road side drains, development of public gardens etc.

##### 2. DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT:

A sum of Rs. 80 lakhs (approximately) has been earmarked for works which included Mohan Kumar Mangalam park with